



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG-2023-0968]

Safety Zone; San Francisco New Year's Eve Fireworks; San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, CA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Notification of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce the safety zone in the navigable waters of the San Francisco Bay near the San Francisco Ferry building for the San Francisco New Year's Eve Fireworks Display. The safety zone will be enforced December 31, 2023, into January 1, 2024. This action is necessary to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment from the dangers associated with pyrotechnics. During the enforcement period, unauthorized persons or vessels are prohibited from entering, transiting through, or remaining in the safety zone, unless authorized by the Patrol Commander (PATCOM) or other Federal, State, or local law enforcement agencies.

DATES: The regulation in 33 CFR 165.1191 will be enforced for the location described in Table 1 to § 165.1191, Item number 24, from noon on December 31, 2023, through 12:45 a.m. on January 1, 2024, or as announced via Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notification of enforcement, call or email Lieutenant William Harris, U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Francisco, Waterways Management Division; telephone (415) 399-7443, or email SFWaterways@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Coast Guard will enforce the safety zone regulations in 33 CFR 165.1191 for the event and location listed in Table 1 to § 165.1191, Item number 24, for the San Francisco New

Year's Eve Firework Display from noon on December 31, 2023, through 12:45 a.m. on January 1, 2024. The Coast Guard will enforce a 100-foot safety zone around the fireworks barge during the loading, standby, transit, and arrival of the fireworks barge from the loading location to the display location and until the start of the fireworks display. On December 31, 2023, the fireworks barge will be loaded with pyrotechnics at Pier 64, Wharf 4 in San Francisco, CA from approximately noon until approximately 6 p.m. The fireworks barge will remain on standby at the load location until their transit to the display location. From 10:45 to 11:15 p.m. on December 31, 2023, the loaded fireworks barge will transit from Pier 64, Wharf 4 to the launch site near the San Francisco Ferry Building in approximate position 37° 47' 45" N, 122° 23' 15" W (NAD 83), where they will remain until the conclusion of the fireworks display. At approximately 11:45 p.m. on December 31, 2023, 15-minutes prior to the fireworks display, the safety zone will expand to encompass all navigable waters, from surface to bottom, within a circle formed by connecting all points 1,000 feet out from the fireworks barge. The fireworks barge will be near the San Francisco Ferry Building in San Francisco, CA in approximate position 37° 47' 45" N, 122° 23' 15" W (NAD 83) as set forth in 33 CFR 165.1191, Table 1, Item number 24. The safety zone will be enforced until 12:45 a.m. on January 1, 2024, or as announced via Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

In addition to this notification in the *Federal Register*, the Coast Guard plans to provide notification of the safety zone and its enforcement period via the Local Notice to Mariners.

Under the provisions of 33 CFR 165.1191, unauthorized persons or vessels are prohibited from entering into, transiting through, or anchoring within the safety zone during all applicable effective dates and times, unless authorized to do so by the PATCOM or other Official patrol, defined as a Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency on scene to assist the Coast Guard in enforcing the regulated area. Additionally, each person who receives notice of a lawful order or direction issued by the PATCOM or Official Patrol shall obey the order or direction. The

PATCOM or Official Patrol may, upon request, allow the transit of commercial vessels through the regulated areas when it is safe to do so.

If the COTP determines that the regulated area need not be enforced for the full duration stated in this notice, a Broadcast Notice to Mariners may be used to grant general permission to enter the regulated area.

Dated: December 22, 2023.

Taylor Q. Lam,
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Captain of the Port San Francisco.

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